

You Help Your Father in His Struggle!

Lend Your Money to Your Nation, Which Is Father, Mother, Brother and Friend to Every American

Give money to a good cause. INVEST money wisely and well at the same time.

But in buying the one or the ten or the thousand Liberty Bonds that you can afford, forget investment, forget the fact that such a bond is the only really **SAFE** investment in the United States.

Think only of this fact: "My country is at war, and every dollar that I can gather is needed to help in this war."

What would you think of a man who refused to help his own father in a struggle of life and death?

Just so you must think of the man who, being able, refuses to help the nation to which he belongs in the struggle that interests vitally every citizen of that nation.

DO NOT LET YOUR NAME, YOUR DOLLARS, BE LEFT OUT OF THE HONORABLE LIST OF THOSE THAT HELP THE WINNING OF THIS WAR BY SUBSCRIBING TO THIS LOAN.

If you subscribed before, so much the better; honor to you for prompt action.

If you have bought one or more bonds of this issue already, more honor to you.

But make the effort, and buy at least **ONE MORE UNITED STATES BOND.**

It is not a mere financial bond that you are buying, not merely the Government's promise and solemn obligation to pay you back your principal with interest.

You buy a bond and you **CREATE** a bond. It is a bond that ties you more closely to your country. It is a bond that gives you a little different feeling as you see streaming in the air the flags that will come back with bullet holes in them.

It is the creating of a bond between you and every soldier at the front, every sailor on the sea, ready and about to risk his life for the nation of which you are a part. When you buy a bond you are lending money to brothers that go out to fight for you.

When you put down your money and buy your bond you are not merely lending a small sum to the nation to which you owe everything you have.

You are saying to the world, and to Germany, with which we are at war: "I believe in MY country. What I have is for my country. I and other Americans will show what we think of this nation—the young on the field of battle, the older in other but equally efficient ways."

You know how marvelously the people of Germany have contributed to the fighting fund of their Fatherland. Many times the amount that the Government asks of you the smaller people of that poorer nation have paid in.

Is it to be said that there is less affection for this country among the people of America than there is for Germany among the people of Germany?

Thousands upon thousands of millions the Germans have raked and scraped and put into the fight in which they are engaged.

You cannot face to face tell the Germans that their fight against this country is futile, foolish and hopeless.

But you **DO** tell them that when you buy your bond and send across to Germany the message, "For every dollar that you can raise this country will raise a hundred. And, what is more important, for every man that you can arm this country, if need be, will arm two—and **BETTER** men."

Above all things, even more important than the amount of money lent to the Government, is **THE NUMBER** of those that lend.

Suppose that you were the father of a large family and needed the help of your boys and girls in an emergency. Would you not want to be able to say, "Every one of my children responded to my call?"

Do you not feel that the Government, the great impersonal force representing us all, the figure we call old Uncle Sam, ought to be able to say, "Every one of my children, according to his ability, responded to my call?"

Have you responded?

Lend your money to your Government because you **HONOR** your country, not merely because you know what everybody knows—that the Government of this country will honor every debt it ever makes.

Subscribe for yourself, and subscribe for your children if you can. Money that would have sent a boy to college is better spent for bonds of the United States.

Money that would have been invested in any other way conceivable at this time is better invested in the bonds that are to buy permanent freedom for the country in which you live.

BE YOUR COUNTRY'S PARTNER IN WAR.

Be able to say as the troops go by, "I paid for a uniform in that line; I bought cartridges in one of those belts; I have done **WHAT I COULD**. And while war lasts, and loans are needed, I shall continue to do my duty, honoring my national father, Uncle Sam, and proving myself a loyal son of the United States of America."

Buy a Liberty Bond.

Honor your national father that your days may be long in a land of freedom.

Superstition An Evidence of Weakness

By Garrett P. Serviss

HOW many people in this so-called "age of science" are still living in the intellectual atmosphere of the "dark ages?"

Unsuperstitious persons, or those who have suppressed their superstitious tendencies with the strong hand of reason (for such tendencies are a universal human inheritance), usually pass these things by with a smile, but they would not regard them with so much complacent indulgence if they comprehended the enormous aggregate loss of energy which superstitious beliefs of all kinds cause to mankind.

Coincidences the Most Misleading Things in the World.

The effect of superstition upon the mind is not unlike that of whiskey upon the body. The man who yields to such fancies finds his will power rapidly undermined, and his mental operations confused and weakened. Moreover, he often suffers moral torments that are as acute and exhausting, in their way, as those associated with physical disease. I have seen persons thrown into a pitiable state of indecision and of fretting doubt and paralyzing fear by their inability to get rid of the incubus of a foolish old "saying" about the unlucky character of some date, or thing, or act. A man in that state of mind is not much better than an intellectual being, than one of his paleolithic ancestors.

Instead of treating the many surviving superstitions that haunt men as if they were merely amusing, if not amiable, human weaknesses, we ought to make war upon them. This is a proper and highly important subject for home education. To tell a child that Friday is an unlucky day is to plant a seed of superstition in the teeming cells of its growing brain. Even to speak lightly and indulgently of such a thing is perilous, for it leaves in the childish mind a residue of doubt and of mystery which is fertile soil for the nourishment of the superstitious

tendencies that remain in us from those long ages of gradual ascent which our race has traversed since it parted from the simian stem.

The monkey has no superstitions; it has only genuine fears, based upon facts of experience. But give the monkey the human power of cogitation and it would go mad with superstitious terrors. It is the combination of imagination with ignorance that produces superstition.

Moonlight Nothing But a Reflection of Sunlight.

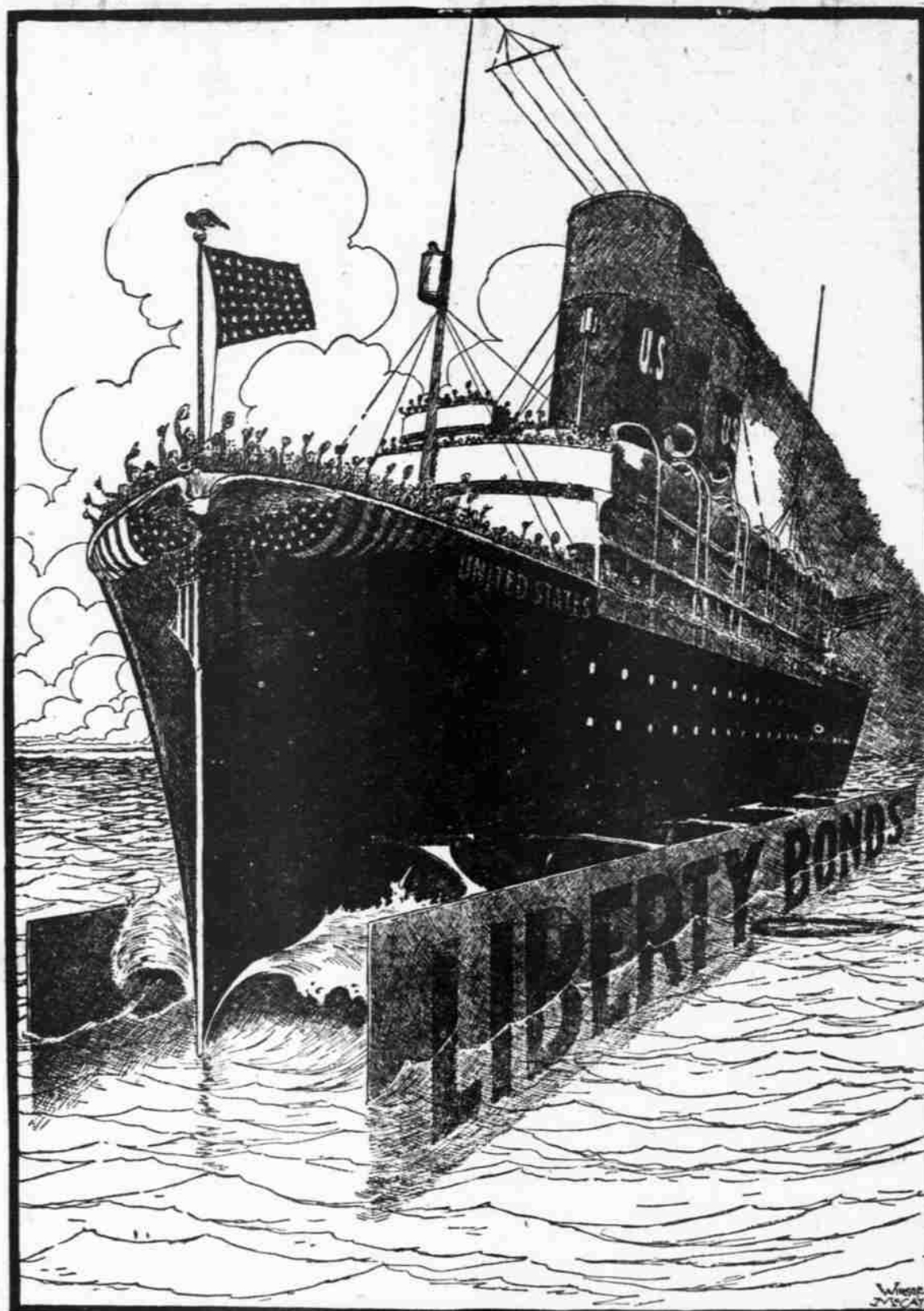
Warning a "dozen serpent by your kitchen fire, or any other act of mistaken good nature that inventors of fables and proverbs have imagined, is not more foolish than to encourage by thoughtless indulgence the hundreds of superstitions which spring up, with the fecundity of garden weeds, in every mind that is not trained to careful observation and logical thinking.

Man was destined to climb his own ladder, and was furnished with the means of climbing when a brain superior to that of other animals was given to him. If he won't climb he must remain at the bottom. The true benefactors of humanity are those who stand against the current when it flows in the wrong direction, or who, if they seem to float with the current, do so simply for the purpose of swerving it gradually toward the way it ought to go.

If human knowledge were perfect and complete there would be no superstition. Superstition hovers like a night bird along the twilight borders of knowledge. But there has never been an instance of the pushing of those borders farther afield without a corresponding disappearance of the owls and bats of superstition, fleeing before the sunrise of intelligence.

To believe in "lucky days," and in amulets of good fortune or protection, is just as weak and irrational as to think that Friday is unlucky. Both these forms of superstition tie the hands of enterprise and blind the intellect.

REMEMBER THE ANTILLES



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Clarence Wilson—A Bully Appointment

As a Food Administrator The Times Predicts Great Success For Him. He Cannot Arbitrarily Lower Prices. But He Can Stop Juggling.

By EARL GODWIN.

By appointing Clarence Wilson food administrator for the District of Columbia the Administration has again rung the bell. This is a bully appointment. All the requirements of competence, experience, integrity and knowledge are met in Clarence Wilson, who has been known to Washington for a generation as one of its best men.

Mr. Wilson is not appointed to an office from which he will reduce the prices on foodstuffs. He is not appointed to tear up the existing methods of trade and business because prices are high. He is appointed to administer the very remarkable food law within the District of Columbia; and The Times advises every householder to get a copy of that law and read it thoroughly.

Mr. Wilson's greatest concern should be in the direction of food hoarding and food speculators, if there are any such in this community. Under the food law it is a crime to block the channels of trade by storing quantities of food stuffs against the days when the clamor of hungry men, women and children forces the price beyond their reach. Mr. Wilson has had considerable experience with criminals. He has handled all classes of them, from the rough-necked bludgeon wielder to the silk-gloved and soft-tongued confidence man. There is probably no trick in criminal human nature Mr. Wilson has not turned up in the course of his career as District Attorney. If there is any criminal hoarding of foodstuffs, and any juggling of prices to the detriment of the people in this District, The Times warns those responsible that Clarence Wilson is a live citizen with a punch.

At the same time, Washingtonians should remember that no one man can stabilize the upset conditions of war time. There are continuous complaints against high prices, not only of food, but of materials of all sorts. It is not fair to direct the kick against the retailer. There are a dozen special conditions under which he is working at a disadvantage. The economics of war times forces prices into different levels. We cannot change these conditions; but we can, and will stop the unnatural speculation and juggling if there is any, and Clarence Wilson is exactly the right man to lead the chase.

HEARD AND SEEN

It will be thirty-one years ago on October 28 that the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor was dedicated. Adolph Schippert, 2008 I street northwest, was an engraver at Tiffany's at the time and engraved the invitations to witness the ceremony. Mr. Schippert suggests, and I think he is right, that it would have been a grand thing if Liberty Day had fallen on the anniversary of that ceremony, which linked us so close with the people of France, our ally.

Talking to C. W. Semmes a few days ago about motor freight lines between this city and Baltimore, Philadelphia or New York, I learned that if a distributing point could be devised, the congested freight situation could be greatly relieved. C. W. Semmes, as we all know, is an expert on motor trucking.

J. Clinton Hixt, secretary of the Safety First Association, dropped in to suggest an editorial on the subject of proper pedestrianism. He is on the right track and The Times will follow his suggestion.

And then there are those who say that Grover Cleveland's doctor having told an interesting story of how Mr. Cleveland was near death and had to undergo a serious operation, our only living ex-President with one eye, felt constrained to tell what had happened TO HIM.

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The One That Counts

It is not the one who observes the amenities, but the one who comes instantly to the front when one is in trouble or difficulties, who has and deserves our best love.

Not the one who pays compliments, but the one who upholds our hands.

Not the one who gives grudgingly, but the one who gives freely who counts most.

It is easy enough to be spontaneous and gracious to those who flatter your vanity, but how about it when the other fellow dares to criticize?

There is a streak of egotism in the best of us.

It is hard not to smile inwardly, while protesting openly, when the other fellow pastes you with palaver and compliments.

But it takes hard sense to realize the justice of a decision contrary to your sworn ideas of right and wrong.